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ROUTE TO US

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FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN AHARAM AUGUST 7:

QUOTE: AL-AHRAM'S REPORTER HAS LEARNED THAT MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AHMED NOUH HAS ASSIGNED TO OFFICIALS OF EGYPTAIR (THE TASK) OF PREPARING A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON LONG-DISTANCE AIR SERVICES ALREADY OPERATING AND ON THOSE THAT COULD BE INAUGURATED IN THE FUTURE. THE STUDY WILL DEAL WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF AN AIR LINK BETWEEN CAIRO AND NEW YORK. THERE IS NOT A SINGLE ARAB AIRLINE AT PRESENT FLYING ITS AIRLINERS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

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"AN EGYPTIAN DELEGATION WILL FLY TO BEIRUT NEXT WEEK TO STUDY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MEA, KUWAIT AIRWAYS AND SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES THE ECONOMICS OF OPERATING THE PROJECTED AIR SERVICE AND TO PROPOSE THAT THE JOINT SERVICE BE INAUGURATED IN APRIL OF NEXT YEAR. EIGHT TRIPS WILL OPERATE WEEKLY, FOUR OF WHICH WILL BE FROM CAIRO, AND FOUR FROM BEIRUT.

"THE PROJECT WAS THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING OF THE ARAB AIR TRANSPORT UNION IN BEIRUT LAST WEEK. ATTENDING THE DISCUSSION WERE MOSALLEM NOFAL, CHAIRMAN OF EGYPTAIR, AND MOHAMMED ALI AL-SHINY, COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE SAME AIRLINE. THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION HAS ASKED THAT THE SUBJECT BE STUDIED MORE DEEPLY BEFORE A FINAL DECISION IS TAKEN. END QUOTE.
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